BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:
A RESOLUTION regarding a voter-proposed Initiative Measure concerning public participation in government, including creation of a publicly-financed election campaign program and regulation of campaign donations and lobbying; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed Initiative to appear on the November 3, 2015 election ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections' Director to place the proposed initiative on the November 3, 2015 election ballot; providing for the publication of such initiative; and repealing Resolution 31600.

Summary and background of the Legislation:
In accordance with City Charter Article IV, the Council has reviewed Initiative 122, and directs that it be placed on the November 3, 2015 general election ballot to be voted on by the people, in accordance with applicable law. While in most circumstances the City Council could choose to adopt the provisions of Initiative 122, because this initiative includes a program to publicly finance local political campaigns, RCW 42.17A.550 requires that it be voted on by the electorate.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

____   This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Please check one:

____   This legislation has direct financial implications.

__X__   This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

The Resolution submits Initiative 122 to the Seattle voters for their approval in the fall of 2015. If the Initiative is approved, the cost to a Seattle homeowner with a $450,000 house

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will increase by an estimated $8.73 a year during the ten-year levy. The levy would collect $3,000,000 in 2016.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?
The Council is required under the City Charter to either adopt or send an initiative to the voters. As noted above, the Council is required under Washington State law to send proposals for publicly financed campaigns to the voters. If the legislation is not adopted, within 45 days, the City Clerk is directed by the Charter to place the initiative on the ballot.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
Yes, if approved by Seattle's voters, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission would implement the legislation.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?
No

e) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?
No

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?
No

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?
Not applicable

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.
According to the ballot title:

"If enacted, the measure would limit election campaign contributions from entities receiving City contracts totaling $250,000 or more, or from persons spending $5,000 or more for lobbying; requiring 24-hour reporting of electronic contributions; require paid signature gather identification; limit lobbying by former City officials; create a voluntary program for public campaign financing through $100 vouchers issued to registered voters funded by ten years of additional property taxes, with $3,000,000 (approximately $0.0194/$1000 assessed value) collected in 2016."

i) Other Issues: None

List attachments below: